

**REMARKS**

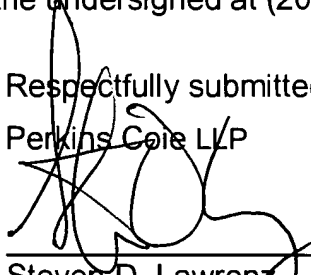
In the non-final Office Action mailed on August 11, 2004, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; allowed claims 2, 3, and 11; and indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants herein amend claim 1 and present new claim 32. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 11, and 32 are now pending. For the reasons discussed below, applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, identifying antecedent basis issues with two phrases occurring in claim 1. Applicants herein amend claim 1 to resolve any antecedent basis issues relating to these phrases. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

New claim 32 is similar to allowed original claims 2 and 11, and should be similarly allowable.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit a prompt notice of allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite examination of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-6373.

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